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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

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For: METHOD FOR PREPARING 1,3-

PROPANEDIOL BY A RECOMBINANT MICRO-ORGANISM IN THE ABSENCE OF COENZYME B12 OR ONE OF ITS

PRECURSORS

Group Art Unit: 1652

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II. RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED APRIL 20, 2006; AND III. REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Mail Stop Amendment

Commissioner for Patents P. O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 23313-1450

Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action dated April 20, 2006, (the "Action"), for which the date three-month date for response was July 20, 2006. A request for a one-month extension of time to respond is included herewith, along with the required fee. This one-month extension will bring the due date to August 20, 2006.

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